Claims

1. A compound of the general formula (I)

$$R^2$$

wherein,

 $R^1 = H, CH_3 \text{ or } CH_2CH_3,$

 $R^2 = H$, CH_3 , CH_2CH_3 or $CH_2CH_2CH_3$,

provided that when R^1 is H, R^2 is H.

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2. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 2-(1-ethylpropyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-propyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylpropyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylbutyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; or mixtures thereof.

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3. The use as a fragrance ingredient of a compound of the formula (I)

$$R^2$$

wherein,

R¹ is H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃, and

20 R² is H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CH₂CH₂CH₃

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- 4. Use according to claim 3 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of 2-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-pentyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 2-(1-ethylpropyl)-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 2-hexyl-4,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylpropyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; 4,5-dimethyl-2-(1-methylbutyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran; or mixtures thereof.
- 5. A fragrance composition comprising at least one compound as defined in claim 3 or claim 4.

6. A method of conferring a desired fragrance on a fragrance composition, comprising the blending with known fragrance ingredients and/or excipients of at least one compound as defined in claim 3 or claim 4.